

MANITOBA HYDRO OPEN ACCESS INTERCONNECTION TARIFF

Overview

The Manitoba Hydro Open Access Interconnection Tariff (OAIT) applies on a non-discriminatory basis to all generators, whether owned by Manitoba Hydro or third parties, who wish to interconnect new generating facilities or increase the capacity of or substantially modify existing facilities. Interconnection Requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis by establishing an interconnection queue on the OASIS based on the date that an Interconnection Request is submitted.

The process involves the performance of an Interconnection Evaluation Study to evaluate the reliability impact of the proposed capacity addition, followed by an Interconnection Facilities Study to determine the facilities and work required in order to effect the interconnection, as well as an estimate of the cost of Interconnection Facilities, including Interconnection System Upgrades, and a schedule of the time to construct. Both studies are performed by Manitoba Hydro and paid for by the Generator and can only be initiated by the execution of a pro forma Study Agreement.

The pro forma Interconnection and Operating Agreement details the construction responsibilities of the parties, obligations related to operating and maintaining the Interconnection Facilities and the generating facility, insurance requirements, creditworthiness requirements and delineates the rights of the parties on termination of the interconnection. In terms of cost responsibility, the Generator is obligated to pay for the actual cost of constructing all of the facilities and upgrades to the transmission network required to connect the Generator. The Generator is also responsible for operating and maintenance costs for the Interconnection Facilities and Interconnection System Upgrades, as well as any other costs associated with accommodating the interconnection.